REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on January 6, 2009, and the references cited therewith.

Claim 4 has been amended, and claims 1-3, 6-11, 13-25, 27, and 29 are canceled; as a result, claims 4, 5, 12, 26, 28, 30 and 31 are now pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 26, 28, 30 and 31 were allowed.

Claims 4, 5, and 12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have accordingly rewritten claim 4 to be in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 5 is dependent on claim 4, and claim 12 is dependent on claim 5; therefore both claims 5 and 12 inherit the limitations of amended claim 4.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (408-528-9603) if needed to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2823.

Respectfully submitted,

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